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Lake levels kept high to prevent floods

by MATT JAMES & GREG HOEKSTRA
Times Staff

Officials at the Trent-Severn Waterway are in "serious catch mode" in Haliburton County, storing as much water as possible in local reservoir lakes to prevent flooding further south.

Mike Jamieson, assistant director of canal operations for TSW, said in an interview on Tuesday afternoon that several lakes in the Highlands have already hit 100 per cent capacity, and that's a trend that will continue over the coming weeks.

"We've been catching water and snow melt in our reservoir lakes and have been for some time," said Jamieson. "We've been running some water on the Gull, Burnt and Irondale Rivers, but for the most part we're in serious catch mode."

"Staff up in the Haliburton area have been diligently putting logs in [to keep the water in the lakes.] Our plan is to get the lakes filled and then see what Mother Nature brings us this summer in terms of precipitation," he added.

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Martha Perkins/TIMES

Training for China

Next month, sisters Elena Mihi and Nelly Gluck are flying to China where they will walk a portion of the Great Wall as a fundraiser for the Canadian Arthritis Society. As an arthritis sufferer, Dr. Mihi knows how beneficial walking can be to stay healthy. Story on page 4.

Library board keeping its options open

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

The motion to reduce the county's eight libraries to four – one for each municipality – won't be rescinded just yet, the library board decided Wednesday.

Even though everyone at the table agreed there was no way that Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East would be reducing branches by the mandated January 2009 deadline, taking the motion off the table would send people the wrong message, they decided.

Deputy-chair of the committee, Tom Gardner, suggested rescinding

the motion saying there was no way the library board could come up with another solution quickly enough to meet the deadline.

"It's taken the board six years to get to that point; we can't get another solution in six weeks," he said.

But the chair, Cheryl Murdoch, said taking away the motion would only make residents think the county's keeping all eight branches, which isn't certain either.

"Without putting some kind of a date on it you have the small communities thinking again that everything's just settled down, the dust's all settled, and nothing else is going to follow," Murdoch said.

"The minute it comes off the table everyone breathes a sigh of relief that nothing's going to change and that might not be true," she said.

The board originally recommended that branches be closed to create four enhanced libraries in each of the municipalities with more hours, space and programming. That resolution was passed by county council in September 2007.

Since that time, residents said they disagreed with the recommendation and the library board has been trying to come up with a more acceptable suggestion.

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Rivers south of the Highlands are flooding

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For the most part, Haliburton County has been very fortunate this spring, despite the fact that more than 13 feet of snow buried the Highlands this winter.

On many low-lying sections of the Burnt, Black, and Irondale rivers water levels rose to worrying levels this past weekend but have since receded. However, there's still a concern at the TSW about what will happen when all the water from the Highlands melts.

"There is still snow pack up in the Highlands, in the forests, that is still yet to melt," said Jack Alexander, the director of canal operations in Peterborough. "The Burnt River has had some considerable flows on it over the past few days, we're not prepared to say that it has peaked."

Marcus Stong lives on the Irondale River. He was concerned about water levels and preparing for flooding last week. This week Stong is breathing a little easier but he's one of the luckier ones.

Jack Bush/Special to the TIMES



Even though the Gull River is high, the Trent-Severn Waterway is trying to limit the amount of water flowing from the Highlands' reservoir lakes into the river system below. While our lake and river levels are high, there is no serious flooding.

"The river has gone down a lot now," Stong said on Tuesday morning. "There was one cabin, the water was up past the foundation on all four sides."

Stong said he saw flooding was on Salerno Lake Road and Contau Lake Road.

Only the Minden Hills fire department has received phone calls from people worried about flooding.

"We've mostly received calls about any roads [that might be closed due to floods]," said Doug Schell, the fire chief and emergency management coordinator. "We're watching the rivers."

While the fire hall does have sandbags, Schell's hoping to save them if municipal infrastructure is threatened but he's willing to lend a few out if anyone is in desperate need.

In Algonquin Highlands fire chief John Hogg said there have been no calls from residents.

"We don't seem to have much of an issue here," said Hogg. "Boshkung and Twelve Mile [Lake] were being drawn down in the winter and, as a result, water levels are

not much above normal."

The TSW keeps a close eye on the long-term forecast and is expecting warmer weather in the coming weeks, which is likely to speed up the remaining melting process.

"Residents need to continue working with their local municipal official to understand the flooding effects and mitigate it," said Alexander.

The Burnt River flows from north of Kinmount to the south, spilling into Cameron Lake. At the moment there are flood advisories at the south end the Burnt River. Alexander added that it takes more than one group to make things run smoothly.

"We're working with a very large team that includes Parks Canada, the Ministry of Natural Resources, all the conservations authorities, Environment Canada, and municipalities to try to manage the situation. We're very pleased how that team has come together."

Alexander notes that there is widespread flooding in central Ontario.

Kris Windover, the acting senior land and water technician for the Ministry of Natural Resources in Minden, says "Right now the Burnt River is on a decline from the weekend but the trend is not expected to continue. But there is a potential for that to be escalated through the middle to the end of this week when temperatures rise into double digits."

Some parts of the Burnt River are areas of concern, since water builds rather quickly. In the event of an emergency Windover says people should contact the local municipal office.

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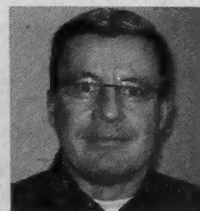


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New cottage development likely at Silver Birches

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the April 10 Minden Hills committee of the whole meeting. Motions arising from this meeting are decided at the next general council meeting.

Residents of South Lake will very likely be getting new neighbours at the former site of Silver Birches Cottage Resort on Hamilton Road. Council gave a favourable response to four separate presentations by representatives of Threebrooks Estates Inc.

The site currently has 12 cottages, 21 trailer park sites and one dwelling. The proposal limits the number of residences to 15. Threebrooks also plans to replace the sewage system, create a 30-metre buffer between the cottages, and water and create a fish habitat.

Wheels moving on new buyer

There is no reason why the Wagon Wheel Restaurant and Motel cannot be transformed into a residential home for disabled foster children, while maintaining the rental units for additional income, council said in response to an inquiry by a potential buyer of the property.

The buyer was concerned that there may be issues with having four foster children with physical disabilities in the commercially zoned property, while still renting out the motel and cottage units.

Town applies for sports funding

The department of community services and recreation is applying to the Communities in Action Fund for more than \$13,000 to improve physical activities available to Minden children and youth. Rick Cox, director of the department, said the money would also go to a public awareness campaign around physical fitness. Last year, grant money was used to conduct a survey of township residents that revealed that more than 80 per cent of people falsely believed that they and their children were physically active enough to be healthy.

If Minden Hills gets the money, it will be used to buy inexpensive equipment like tennis rackets and basketballs that can be loaned to youth. The program would also engage with teens by teaching them the skills they need to coach sports; something that can be useful when applying for summer jobs like camp counsellor.

Clarification

In order to contact Jenn Whiteway, the organizer of Bowl for Dawson, you can call 754-9265 or e-mail Jennifer_whiteway@sympatico.ca. An incomplete phone number ran in last week's Times.



Martha Perkins/TIMES

They're back!

After spending most of the winter in a barn, these llamas are once again delighting passersby on County Road 1 near Lochlin. So far, however, the dromedary and camel have been a bit more elusive.



In this file photo, Lorne Heise watches as one of his company's Arctic Vents is assembled at his Heat-Line plant next to the Stanhope Airport. Arctic Vent has been nominated for a prestigious award.

ArcticVent inventor nominated for prestigious award

by MICHAEL BARNES
Special to The Times

Well-known Carnarvon-area businessman, inventor and president of Heat-Line, Lorne Heise, has been honoured for one of his inventions.

The E.C. Manning Awards Foundation has accepted a nomination for an award for Heise's product called ArcticVent.

The ArcticVent is a device which prevents roof vents from freezing in cold climates and has been adopted by the Nunavut Housing Authority, the Alaska Cold Weather Testing facility and others.

The nomination was made by an area businessman and a Toronto patent agent and was a lengthy process involving the preparation of a four-inch-thick binder of data.

The Manning Awards, founded by Preston Manning's father, salute innovation in Canada.

The Ontario chapter of the awards will accept the nomination at a reception on May 12 in Toronto at the Ontario Centres for Excellence Discovery 2008 show.

In preparation for their marathon walk on the Great Wall of China, Dr. Elena Mihi and her sister Nelly Gluck can often be seen training on the roads near Kinmount. They are raising money for the Arthritis Society of Canada and also proving that regular exercise can help arthritis sufferers such as Dr. Mihi.

Martha Perkins/TIMES



Fighting arthritis one step at a time

Sisters set out to walk the Great Wall of China for Joints in Motion

by **MARTHA PERKINS**
Times Staff

For people with arthritis, often the last thing they want to do is go for a walk.

Their joints ache and their spirits are weakened from the battle against constant pain. A walk, they say, would just make everything worse.

On May 18, Dr. Elena Mihi is going to help them. She

isn't going to write a prescription for pain medication or tell them a cure has been found.

Instead, she and her sister Nelly Gluck are going to walk the Great Wall of China to raise money for the Canadian Arthritis Society.

Along the way, in one of their many discussions, the sisters will probably talk about the way walking has helped Dr. Mihi cope with her own osteo-arthritis.

"I'm in constant pain," Dr. Mihi says, sitting in one of her consultation rooms at the Kinmount & District

Health Centre. She's been suffering with the pain, which particularly affects her back, for 20 years.

"I've learned to look beyond it," she says. "I can either feel miserable and sorry for myself or live with it and carry on."

"It's something you learn to live with. There is no cure for it. There is medication that will help slow its progress but no cure. The funds we're raising will be invested in a lot of research and education."

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Walking is the best medicine for arthritis sufferers

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some sort of pain. "I try to be positive and inspire them to look beyond it, psychologically and physically."

Dr. Mihi has an intelligent, reassuringly calming presence, with posture like a ballerina's. It's easy to tell why she was the focus of a National Film Board documentary called *A Country Doctor*. But although she is often smiling, it's not with the head-tossed-back vivacity of her sister. With Gluck it's almost as if her happy spirit is constantly bubbling over, finding quick release in a burst of laughter. She has a *joie de vivre* that she shares with every patient as the health centre's office administrator.

The sisters' personalities are vastly different but wonderfully complementary.

Dr. Mihi says that she agreed to do the 42.2 km Joints in Motion marathon in part to show her patients that although it seems counter-intuitive, one of the best ways to cope with arthritic pain is to keep active.

Her sister adds, "So if you see two crazy women walking along the road..."

Crazy they must have seemed a few weekends ago when they walked from Gooderham to Kinmount. That's 28 kilometres — four and a half hours at a fast clip. ("It was wonderful," Gluck says, her face glowing.) For a change of scenery, and a recommended eight kilometres more, they started another walk at Gluck's house on County Road 1, passing through Haliburton on their way to Gooderham. (When they reached the top of Dover's Hill outside Haliburton it was euphoric.) It took them five hours and 10 minutes. Then there was the time they got lost on a snowmobile trail, hoping that at some point they'd come out on County Road 1.

"We talked for five hours," Dr. Mihi laughs when describing one of their long treks. "We didn't have a stretch of five minutes where we didn't talk."

As much as they try to walk together outside every week, this past winter was so long, and their training schedule so tight, that they each bought treadmills.

New libraries may change people's minds: Murdoch

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Minden Hills is scheduled to get a new 5,000-square-foot library this spring, and Dysart just received provincial funding to build its own in the fall. Murdoch is concerned that when the other two municipalities see the new libraries they won't be satisfied with their smaller branches.

County CAO Jim Wilson, and Murdoch also presented the county with new statistics comparing library resources and the amount paid by each municipality. The stats showed that while Highlands East pays 14 per cent of the fees, it gets 39 per cent of the books and 36 per cent of the hours.

"I just wanted to put it in with the rest of the information. It's part of the puzzle. It's not the be all and end all," Murdoch said about the two pages of pie charts and graphs.

The information collected by Wilson and Murdoch also shows that Minden and Dysart get about 20 per cent of the books, 24 per cent of the hours, but pay 27 and 37 per cent of the cost respectively.

Eleanor Harrison, reeve of Algonquin Highlands, which pays 22 per cent and receives 20 per cent of the books and 16 per cent of the hours, said it was dangerous to suggest services should be determined by ability to pay. "It's hard to look at something like that because it's a slippery slope to say that your piece of the pie should reflect what you pay."

A decision on what to do with the libraries was put off until an independent consultant could be obtained either from the Southern Ontario Library Service or privately.

They leave for Beijing on May 13, joining 65 other Canadians for the marathon on the 18th, which gives them time to recoup from jet lag. They'll wake up in their hotel at three in the morning so they can begin their walk at the Great Wall by six, hoping to do most of the walk in the coolness of morning instead of 26° heat.

Some of the walk will be on the Great Wall itself, but they will also meander through villages at the base of the wall. Their goal is to complete the distance in seven hours.

Since it's such a long distance to travel for a walk, they've also booked some sightseeing trips including a tour of Beijing, lunch with a Chinese family and a visit to a circus.

Each woman has almost met her fundraising goal but more donations are always welcome.

Gluck sent letters to community service groups and companies to directly ask for donations. She also keeps a donation jar at the front counter of the health centre. People have been incredibly generous, giving as much as they can, even if that's only \$5. She'd like to thank all the people who have helped her raise \$6,400 so far.

Dr. Mihi smiles and says she can't come out and ask patients for donations so she's raised most of her money through her other passion, sewing. She hosted monthly sewing classes, preparing a different project for each one. There was no charge but people were asked to donate to Joints in Motion. She also raffled three quilts that she had made, bringing her total close to her goal of \$3,000.

If you would like to contribute to the sisters' hike along the Great Wall of China, you can send cheques, payable to the Arthritis Society, to the Kinmount & District Health Centre, 31 County Road 503, Kinmount, K0M 2A0. You can also sponsor the sisters on line.

Go to either www.arthritis.ca/joints/ontario/corneliagluc or www.arthritis.ca/joints/ontario/elenamihu.

Exercise and arthritis

Dr. Elena Mihi can testify to the benefits of exercise when it comes to pain management.

"It makes me feel better," she says. "With chronic back pain you have weak core muscles and exercise strengthens my back."

"Will it ever take the pain entirely away? Probably not. But overall I feel a lot better."

The Canadian Arthritis Society says that exercise is an important way to keep arthritis under control. Regular exercise, such as walking, strengthens the joints and helps reduce pain.

Its website says, "The answer is simple biology: Joint cartilage thrives on healthy activity. Think of cartilage as a kind of dense sponge bathed in fluid, absorbing food from - and expelling waste products into - the surrounding 'sea.' When you put a joint through its full range of motion, you create tidal currents that wash nutrients over the cartilage surface, and you subject the cartilage to mechanical pressure that squeezes out waste. If joint cartilage doesn't regularly filter-feed like this, it starves and crumbles away. When you go for a walk, play golf or, yes, do your exercise routine, your joints eat it up."

As well, if you don't exercise regularly your muscles, joints and ligaments will "shrink, stiffen up and become progressively weaker. Then, when you do move, all the nerve fibres in the surrounding tissues will start complaining fast and furiously. That's why exercise is one of the pillars of managing pain."

The Arthritis Society, however, also says that when it comes to exercise for arthritis patients, "more is not necessarily better." It says that the patient's motto should be "Slow and steady, consistently, without fail."

People with arthritis should talk to their doctor or physiotherapist about what type of exercise program is best for them. The Arthritis Society also has a lot of useful information. You can visit www.arthritis.ca or call 1-800-321-1433 toll free.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

More money for books, not just bigger libraries

THE IDEA OF BIG LIBRARIES that have lots of books on the shelves and lots of services for readers is not a new one. Most people who live in the Highlands have seen such libraries before and, yes, they have probably wished that they could have such nice facilities here. But when the county threatened to take libraries out of small communities in Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East, people realized that as inadequate as the libraries here can be, they are still *their* libraries. They are libraries that they can walk to or, at the very least, fit into their list of things to do when they're in town.

Just because Minden and Haliburton are getting new libraries doesn't mean that someone who lives in Dorset, or in Highland Grove, will want to drive at least 20 minutes to get a book out. They might be envious of these new facilities but they will probably be content in their belief that a small library close to home is better than a big library far away.

County council should indeed rescind its motion saying that in 2009 the county will fund only one branch per municipality. If the motion is kept on the books, it is still an expression of the will of the county. And the will of the county seems to be that it should listen to the voices of the people.

When the Golden Report on the county's libraries came out a few years ago, it was noted that more money should be spent on books. This year's county budget is roughly \$10 million. The portion going to libraries is \$391,000. That's less than what was spent on economic development, a branch of the county with far less tangible benefits for ratepayers. All those people in outlying communities who will drive by the new libraries in Minden and Haliburton won't be as jealous if they knew that county council was willing to invest in the mental health of the Highlands by spending more money on books and keeping the libraries open for more hours a week.

A few little glitches

This week the *Times* might not seem exactly the way it should be. There might be photos without borders or headline fonts that seem a little off. Bear with us, please.

The *Times* is in the midst of what seems like a technological revolution to the people (primarily the editorial department) who lay out the paper. We've switched operating programs and software all in one swoop and it's taking us a little getting used to. We're sorry about any of the glitches that might occur over these next couple of weeks and ask for our readers' patience.

Martha Perkins

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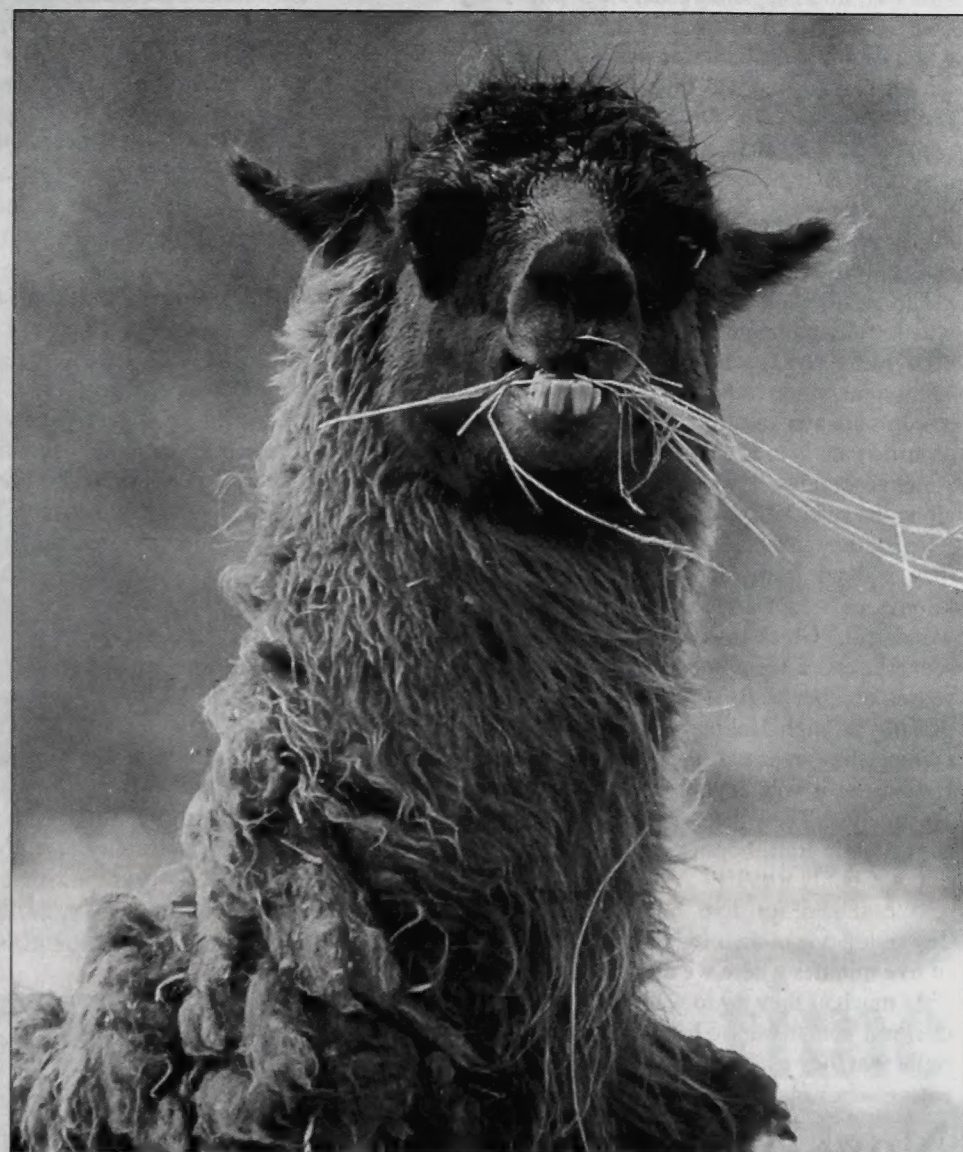
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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Find a better way to deal with unwanted pets

To the Editor:

I care what happened to those unwanted cats that were "taken care of". Since moving to Haliburton in the fall of 2006 I was surprised to see so many stray cats around town and around my home up in the hills of Haliburton. Since moving from the city, where there is a convenient place to drop off these unwanted pets (local animal shelters), I assumed that irresponsible pet owners in the Highlands are just opening the door (to their house or car that is) because there is no place to take these cats to dispose of them (for lack of a better word).

In the big city you can just claim that it is a stray in your neighbourhood or you

"found" it wandering around and there is no guilt or being judged poorly by anyone at these local shelters. I speak from experience when I say this. I have spent over 15 years in the veterinary field and know first hand of people who would rather dump their pet than pay the \$20 drop-off fee. That is why the animal shelters have double doors and the outside doors are not locked after hours. Employees come in daily to find animals abandoned in the front entrance.

I know of a wonderful person in Haliburton who goes above and beyond to provide food and shelter to as many strays as she possibly can and still there are more in need.

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Columns and Letters to the Editor

Dealing with 'news'

YESTERDAY, MY 20-YEAR-OLD daughter took me aside and broke some unexpected news. Well, it wasn't entirely unexpected. After all, I think every father knows that this sort of thing might happen at college. I mean that's where most kids are away from home for the first time. That's where they experiment and learn life lessons. You almost expect mistakes to happen there.

Even so, this one caught me by surprise. Maybe I'm naïve, but I just didn't think it would happen to my little girl. You always think it will happen to somebody else's kid.

The truth is, despite this being my worst nightmare, I think I took the news surprisingly well.

"Dad," she announced, "I'm a vegetarian."

"Who did this to you?" I spat out.

She wouldn't divulge. Instead, she went on to say that it was a choice she made on her own.

Now I recognize that this sort of thing is highly personal and not the kind of thing that should be discussed in a newspaper column

but I think it's time we brought this sad issue into the light. After all, in the old days, they used to ship girls in this condition off to cattle ranches in Alberta until things returned to normal. Then the parents told people that the young woman was "visiting relatives."

Luckily, society has come a long way since those dark days and I didn't want this to get weird. Otherwise this would just add to the stigma of it all.

Still, I needed to understand.

"But what about the venison chops I gave you?"

"My friends loved them," she replied.

"Oh, it'll be all

right darling," I said while holding her tight and rocking her back and forth. "Don't you worry; we'll get through this together. I'm here for you."

As I brushed aside the tears, I realized that

I needed to put aside my own concerns and, instead, be supportive – after all the beef industry needed me now, more than ever.

"Let's talk about this over a burger," I smiled.

"A veggie burger," she said with a smile.

"Sure," I answered, "a few veggies on top. Washed down with a couple of mugs of wholesome gravy."

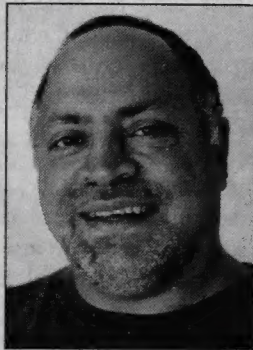
But it was no use. Her condition had already

progressed past the first trimester – now she no longer considered beef jerky one of the major food groups. Sadly, there

was no turning back.

As I walked back to the rest of the family, they sensed something amiss.

"Is something wrong with Jen?" they asked.



OUTSIDE CHANCE

Steve Galea

Drumming its own requiem

MY BEST WINDOW on the wild world that surrounds Sapsucker Ridge is in the driver's door of my pickup truck.

A partridge that would have exploded into the tree tops at the sound of my footsteps grazes on, unaware of me, as I study it from my front-row seat on an early-spring day.

My road is so lightly travelled that The Brown Dog Jiggs and I can stop and look at anything that interests us. When I have seen enough, I roll the window down just a little, and all heck breaks loose both inside the truck and on the roadside. Jiggs smells the partridge, barks his warning, and the bird is gone.

This is the point at which I must interrupt myself to say that I know very well that the chicken-like bird I am watching is not a partridge but a ruffed grouse, but the name you give it speaks volumes about whether you are a local or an outsider and I don't wish to be seen as an outsider.

Interruption over. This partridge has been snacking on some low shrub at the forest edge, nipping little bits of its future in the bud.

The bird is standing on the snow, sometimes stretching to reach its lunch, sometimes hopping little hops like a little boy leaping to see over somebody's shoulder.

If a hawk doesn't get it first, it will eat 1,300 buds that day, a quarter of a million in a year. This doesn't hurt any particular plant because the bird keeps moving, gleaning only a few buds from each.

This bird would be drumming by now, if it is a male, but the logs and rocks from which it serenades are only now emerging from the snow of our overstaying winter and the woods have been mostly silent.

The partridge's rumbling serenade is one of the essential sounds of a Haliburton spring, starting like an unwilling old two-cycle engine somewhere off in the distance, a tentative thumping picking up speed to end in a rat-a-tat-tat.

On another day in late September, a male fooled by the angle of the sun into thinking it is March is so consumed by lust that he drums what might be his own requiem as I watch not far from Big Bob Lake.

Ruff lifts, tail opens, wings spread. He struts, beating his own drum. As with male humans, his sex drive triumphs over good sense and self-preservation.

Circumspect for the other 10 months of the year, now a drum roll meant only for hen partridges in the neighbourhood can be heard by all the creatures that want to eat him.

I might be there to kill him, but the bird doesn't even notice me. It is anybody's guess

whether this drummer's day will end in bliss or in a Goshawk's stomach.

One potential predator is no real threat. The Brown Dog Jiggs flushed every Partridge is



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

Anson Township in the first six months of his life before he figured out that he would never learn to fly and abandoned that hunt.

Humans are more persistent. In Ontario, a million or more partridges are gunned down each year, which seems to have no effect on a population that rises and falls in a natural 10-year cycle.

As a non-hunter, I am astonished that any partridge is ever shot. It is a mystery to me how any nimrod maintains sufficient focus through a long walk in the country to respond instantly to a bird that explodes out of the underbrush without warning and then flies a twisting, dodging route through the tree tops.

The partridge I saw was almost through another winter. The bird is better equipped than most to survive our bitter season, growing snowshoes in fall and learning to bury itself in the snow against the night cold.

But it is no rocket scientist. In spring, a hen will lose a chick in a rut and not even miss it. Its brain is 1/800th the size of a newspaper columnist's.

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Local shelter needed

from page 6

We need a shelter in this area to provide an alternative to dumping. More importantly we need to educate people that animals need to be spayed and neutered, and that kittens and puppies grow up to be adults and that there is a responsibility that goes along with having a pet. Unfortunately society treats cats as a disposable pet, one that can just be turned away once the fun has gone out of having them.

I will certainly take this information that you have brought to light into consideration when it comes time to vote for the next leaders of my community because their response or lack of a response disturbs me greatly.

Kathryn Kidd
Minden

Do we really need a bounty on cats?

To the Editor:

The lead front page headline in the April 9th edition of the Times asks the question "Where have all the feral cats gone?" The article goes on to explain that Minden Hills council had approved a payment of \$3,750 to an unnamed magician to have 20 Minden cats 'disappear'.

Let me get my calculator out. That equates to \$187.50 per cat. If an enterprising individual was to catch a mere one pussy per day in a normal

work week, he or she would be \$937.50 richer. I suppose that an option would be to catch five critters in one day, and take the rest of the week off.

Over the period of one year, the felis catus collector would pocket a whopping \$48,750.00. Hmmmm....

The next front page headline that caught my eye was "County's poverty problem has no easy fix."

In the first paragraph of this story, several factors are identified, two of which are "family income" and

"available employment."

Well, the solutions to both problems are obvious. Minden council should implement a "bounty" on cats. A list of regulations would need to be compiled to address the "rules of play". For example, it would be considered 'bad form' to import strays from the local dumps or other municipalities. Big City cats would also be frowned upon.

Let the games begin. Here kitty kitty...

Mike Donnelly
Mountain Lake

Green nun to bring message of environmental change

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

Coming home to place – living in and caring about one's own region – is how Miriam MacGillis puts her philosophy on humans' interactions with the earth into practice.

It is also the topic of her talk scheduled for Friday evening at the Minden United Church.

MacGillis is a sister in the Catholic Dominican dioceses in New Jersey, where she founded Genesis Farm, a refuge for others who struggle with understanding the connections and interconnections between humans and the environment.

"It's really about having to come back to the places where we live and taking responsibility for those places in defending them, the integrity of their ecosystems, fostering the life that's there and bringing ourselves as communities into harmony with the way the natural world works in the places where we live," MacGillis said in a telephone interview.

Often called the "green nun," MacGillis came to her current political perspective when her worldview was questioned by one

of her high school students.

"My background is in art but I had a major change in perception about life during the Vietnam War when I became challenged by one of my students in the nature of warfare. That set me on a very, very intense soul-searching: looking at my culture, my tradition, the whole context of the Vietnam War and our sense of where do ethics come into this, what's righteous, what's wrong," she said.

She now focuses on finding ways to live lightly on the earth and to investigate how humans can better relate to the world. One way of working to bring people closer to the world they are part of is by eating locally grown (from one's bioregion) foods.

"We're all awakening from 50 or 60 years of a very industrialized form of agriculture that has operated out of policies that say that everybody in the world should be growing food to ship to somewhere else so that they can buy food back from somewhere else, which is a little insane, when you think about it," MacGillis said.

In the era of climate change and ever-increasing amounts of pollution in our air, water and on

the land, she said there is mounting urgency to alter the course of our destructive habits.

But that can't be done without finding a way to influence the four main institutions of society: government, religion, education and economics.

"The perspective that I will be sharing [at the public talk] is that our traditional Western culture has a basic inadequacy at a very fundamental foundational level," she said.

"We've come out of an idea that's 8,000 to 10,000 years old and that ancient cosmology has given the impression that humans are separate from nature and have rights over nature; that nature is really a background, that it's a given," she said.

"There are a lot of problems with that world view and that's what's getting us in trouble," she said.

MacGillis will be speaking at the United Church from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, April 18, admission by donation. She will also be running a workshop, From this Common Ground: Laying the Foundations for a Culture of Life, at Gaia's Farmhouse for \$159. Call the Gaia Centre for more details at 754-2427.

County wants more focus on economic development

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

The department of economic development, tourism and marketing will be focusing more on the development side of things after its committee meeting Wednesday morning.

Chair of the committee, Jim McMahon, said the department is spending too much time on tourism and not enough on boosting the local economy.

He asked the department's director, Bob Smith, to move in a different direction starting in the next few months.

"I'm not saying that you're not doing anything Bob, but I'm disappointed that I'm not seeing any economic development activity, as in working with developers or builders or model-home people, whether it's food chains like Swiss Chalet, Harvey's or Wendy's," McMahon said.

He referenced Minden's success in attracting Canadian Tire and said the only reason the big-box store was coming was dogged perseverance by former reeve Ross Rigney.

"You've got to ask these people

... If you don't invite them, they won't come," he said.

Smith agreed that his department needed to move toward development over tourism and said that McMahon would be seeing results of this change soon.

"There have been meetings with various companies; there have been conversations. There are ongoing meetings with one of the developers within the county," said Smith. He said that without high speed Internet access it is hard for him to encourage any medium-sized business to locate here.

The county's Destination Guide also came under scrutiny from Reeve Murray Fearrey who thought the entire process of making the tourism booklet should be open to the public.

Previously, the guide was produced by an independent business based on a tendering process. This year, however, an extra 10,000 copies of the booklet were ordered costing the economic development budget \$8,000.

He agreed to sit down privately with Smith to fully understand the accounting practices used.



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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In the matter of Section 45 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended and in the matter of Zoning By-law No. 06-10, as amended.

APPLICATION FILE NO.: MV A01/2008 (South Lake)

APPLICANT/OWNER: James and Karen BROWN (Steve Lacy - Agent)

PROPERTY LOCATION: Part Lot 3, Concession 14, Geographic Township of Snowdon.

PURPOSE OF APPLICATION: Applicant is demolishing existing dwelling unit and replacing it with a new one. Existing buildings and structures are permitted but shall not be closer than 15 metres from the high water mark. Enclosed porches on this building will be closer than the existing screened in porch. The new dwelling is also higher than permitted. Variances required as follows:

4 metres from Section 4.7.4 ii) to permit enclosed porch to be closer than 15 metres from the high water mark; and 2.5 metres from Section 4.7.4.iii) to allow the new dwelling unit to be higher than the 1.2 metres allowed.

HEARING DATE: Monday, April 28, 2008.

TIME: 2:30 p.m.

PLACE AND ADDRESS: Municipal Council Chambers
7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario.

ANY PERSON may attend the public hearing and/or make written comments to the Township of Minden Hills either in support of, or in opposition to the proposed minor variance.

FAILURE TO ATTEND HEARING - If you do not attend at the public meeting, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in the Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

NOTICE OF DECISION - A copy of the decision of the Committee will be sent to the applicant and to each person who appeared in person or by counsel at the public hearing and who has filed with the secretary-treasurer, a written request for notice of the decision.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding this application will be available for public inspection at the Building and Planning Department for the Township of Minden Hills, during normal office hours.

Dated this 16th day of April 2008

(Ms) Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM
Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 34(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001 c.25, as amended that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on April 24, 2008 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

1. File No. 07-18

Applicant - Philip and Terrie WHITE

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Davis Lake, lying in front of Lot 7, Concession 2, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8753, registered March 17, 2008.

2. File No. 07-23

Applicant - John GRANT

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Lot 20, Concession 7, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1, 2 and 3 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8749, registered March 6, 2008.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department of the Township of Minden Hills, 7 Milne Street, during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 9th day of April, 2008.

(Ms) Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM,
Planning Administrator

MEETINGS & EVENTS

April 22 Official Grand Opening R.D. Lawrence Place
April 24 Council, Council Chambers 9 AM
May 8 Committee of the Whole, Council Chambers 9 AM
July 4 Every Yard Counts - nomination deadline. All applications must be received on or before 4:00 on Fri, April 11th, 2008

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June 1, 2008 - All applications received on or after this date will require a declaration to be signed by the HVAC installer stating that the HVAC system has been designed, constructed and installed in conformance with the pertinent standards as shown in Sentence 6.2.1.1.(1) OBC before occupancy will be allowed.

September 1, 2008 - All applications received on or after this date shall have a proper duct layout diagram provided to the Building Department prior to the HVAC inspection and will require the declaration as stated above.

January 1, 2009 - All applications received on or after this date shall be accompanied by Heat Loss/Gain Calculations and Duct Design by a qualified designer as specified by the Ontario Building Code.

For more information contact Ken Jones, Chief Building Official at (705) 286-1260 ext. 209

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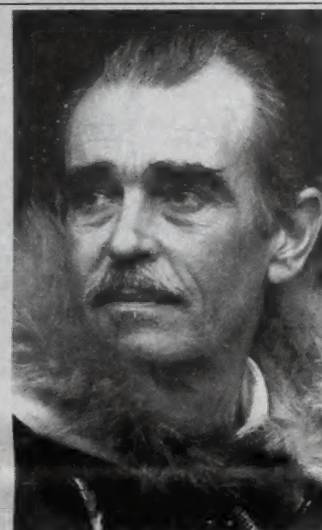
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Contact: Sheryl Loucks, Coordinator
457-7690 / rdlawrenceplace@mindenhills.ca

NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

Please use caution around local waterways during the next few weeks with fluctuating temperatures and the possibility of sudden melting snow and flooding within the area. Please ensure you are equipped in and around your own homes to accommodate the possibility of quick flooding due to the substantial amount of snowfall we have received this winter and warm temperatures. Extra care may be required to ensure you have the equipment/needs to accommodate any sudden flooding problems in and around your homes. The link below (Environment Canada) is provided for your information with regard to flooding.

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<http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/MNR/water/p767.html>

NOTICE

Please remember that load restrictions are in effect on Township roads until further notice.

Kevin Hill, CRS-S, Road Superintendent

A Fact of Interest for Minden Hills (Village of
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Bridge on the River Gull

The Minden Riverwalk committee have officially announced the construction of a pedestrian bridge over the Gull River. The tentative work plan will see foundation construction begin in early June and actual bridge construction start in early to mid-September. From left to right is Laura Cuncliffe, Roy Haig, Cheryl Murdoch and Laurie Carmount, a few members of the committee. For the full story see next week's Minden Times. Photo Matt James

Mythical creature to create awareness

There's a new man in Haliburton; he's tall, green and handsome. "The Green Man" is the brainchild of Environment Haliburton!, the local group dedicated to raising awareness of, and advocating for, the environment.

This summer the Green Man will be appearing at local events to draw attention to the many issues facing our local environment, from shrinking wetlands to uranium mining in Highlands East.

The Green Man is new to Haliburton, but the idea behind him is very old indeed. Part Robin Hood, part Pandora and part Jester, the Green Man has appeared in literature and works of art throughout the world for over 1000 years. In mythology the Green Man is the protector of the forest.

Our local Green Man is the creation of puppet maker Bailey Renshaw of the Senitt Dolls and Puppets studio at Carnarvon. and he's making his debut in Peterborough on April 15.

At that time, Environment Haliburton's! Heather Ross will be making a presentation at the Citizen's Inquiry into uranium mining. Ross and the Environment Haliburton! group urge that the Ontario Mining Act be re-written and that there be a moratorium on uranium mining.

They also believe that Ontario's energy planning should invest in conservation and alternate energy and begin to phase out existing nuclear plants.

This year, Earth Week will be observed from April 19 - April 27. A number of local events have been planned to help you celebrate. Meet the Green Man and join Environment Haliburton! in welcoming Earth Week at any of the following events:

April 16 Local garlic experts Charlie and Sheila Robb will tell you how to grow garlic at this popular workshop. Charlie and Sheila will have to be careful not to confuse

the Green Man with a garlic plant or he may be up to his neck in trouble! Minden Community Centre

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

April 18 The Green Man will meet the "Green Nun", Miriam MacGillis, at Minden United Church. The Gaia Centre is bringing Ms MacGillis to the County for the Friday evening event and a weekend workshop. Co-founder of Genesis Farm in New Jersey, MacGillis focuses on, "the connections between the health of our global commons of air, water, land and nature, and the health of our local communities and bioregions". She is the winner of the prestigious 2005 Thomas Berry Award from the Centre for Respect of Life and Environment. MacGillis will be speaking about knowing our "place"; that is, knowing ourselves in relation to the bioregion in which we live. Come and hear her speak at Minden United Church. 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

April 20 Outloud Womyn's Voices will be performing a selection of songs in appreciation of the earth at the regular Sunday services at Maple Lake United Church and St. Peter's Anglican Church.

April 22 The "Green Man" will be on hand to help celebrate the opening of the R.D. Lawrence Place on Bobcaygen Road in Minden. 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

April 22 Environment Haliburton!, as part of Pitch-in Week, will be walking the Minden trail, cleaning the winter's debris. Any who wish to participate or just take a walk, meet at 11:30 a.m. at the R.D. Lawrence Place.

Any of these events would be a great opportunity for you and your family to meet the Green Man and celebrate Earth Week 2008. For more information on Environment Haliburton! visit their website at www.environmenthaliburton.ca.

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Plenty to see and do for official opening

Earth Day fitting for opening of R.D. Lawrence Place

On Earth Day, dignitaries from across the Highlands will gather in Minden for the official opening of R.D. Lawrence Place on the grounds of the Cultural Centre.

The following is a brief outline of the grand opening schedule for April 22:

Noon—EnvironmentHaliburton! is having a pitch-in that will start and end at the Cultural Centre grounds. This is an annual clean-up effort associated with Earth Day.

1p.m.—5p.m.

- The doors to R.D. Lawrence Place will be officially open to the public and there will be guides available to answer questions.

- Bethany Houghton will be playing live Cello and violin music

- The new Green Man mascot will be wandering and greeting



R.D. Lawrence Place is a sustainable building built by Fleming College students. Photo Matt James.

guests.

- There will be audio-visual presentations of new R.D. Lawrence Place original documentaries about the building, Ron Lawrence and his work with animals. These will be screening on the back wall. The documentaries were edited and produced by Tammy Rea.

- Out to Learn will be outside with assorted animal pelts and bones that people can touch and a sand box where people can make

and identify tracks. Irene Heaven will be leading these activities.

- Pam Sayne will have a demonstration and information table about how to save energy and lower costs in your home.

- Members of the spinners and weavers will be inside R.D. Lawrence Place demonstrating their craft; Sharon Lawrence, Ron's widow, is a member and often spun wolf fur collected from their animals.

- Light refreshments will be

provided in the common room. The coffee is from Gravity House.

- The gift shop in the Agnes Jamieson Gallery will be open, as will the gift shop in R.D. Lawrence Place. There are a limited number of copies of the R.D. Lawrence Commemorative Anthology for sale, R.D. Lawrence books, and for the first time the R.D. Lawrence Commemorative Stamp.

2 p.m.

- Grand opening ceremony

under the outdoor tent. Sheryl Loucks will be the emcee.

The ceremony will start with a short skit by Theatre For the Earth, a theatre club at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. Their skit will present Ron Lawrence's thoughts on the preservation of the environment as he wrote in his manifesto, *The Study of Life*.

- Special guests include Sharon Lawrence, Dianne Graham, Fleming Sustainable Building Program Professor Chris Magwood, and political representatives.

- Launch of the Cultural Centre's first Canada Post stamp, the R.D. Lawrence Commemorative Stamp, which will be sold only at the cultural centre.

- Introduction of EH!'s new mascot, the Green Man, who will make a brief presentation.

3 p.m.

- Depending on the weather there should be some outdoor fun activities such as a hay bale stacking race.

- The Agnes Jamieson Gallery will be open featuring the fantastic Canadian Folk Art Exhibition 3:30 & 4 p.m.

- R.D. story time in the library for adults and children. These are stories for all ages.



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Festival of Banners is off to a colourful start

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

Production has begun in Minden's second annual festival of banners. A week into the all-ages, all-experience levels, all-community project, many of the three-by-six-foot banners are close to completion along the walls of the old Times building.

On Monday, Sharon Luke and Marg MacIntyre spent the sunny afternoon inside painting their banners, selected by a panel of judges a few weeks ago.

"I was so honoured to be selected," said MacIntyre, while slathering on the paint to create a cow's tail. Her banner, titled "Elsie's Choice," is of a Holstein cow peering at the viewer with a basket of cow eggs in her mouth.

"I like doing things out of the ordinary," she said.

Luke had two of her banners selected for the festival. She is currently working on her sunset banner, filled with dark purples, blues, and orange. It will take her at least two days to complete, although each banner is given three days by

the festival co-ordinators.

Sixty-four banners were selected this year from 138 entries, said one of the co-ordinators, Deborah Lyons.

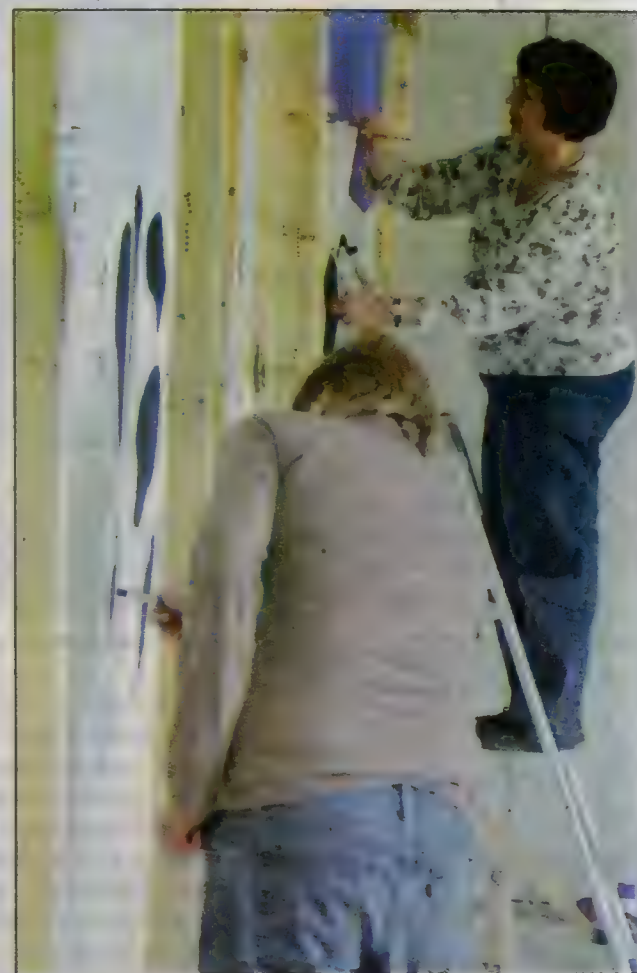
By the end of April, the 40 adult banners should be completed, at which point the 24 children's banners will be painted.

"We're doing really well. When the banners go up in town it makes such a difference," Lyons said.

The festival is so successful that it has to deny many entries because it just doesn't have enough of the expensive arms to hang all of the art.

Local businesses, Haliburton County Development Corporation and the township have donated generously, and money from auctioning last year's banners as well as in-kind support allowed the committee to add 20 more banners than last year. They hope to increase by another 20 in 2009.

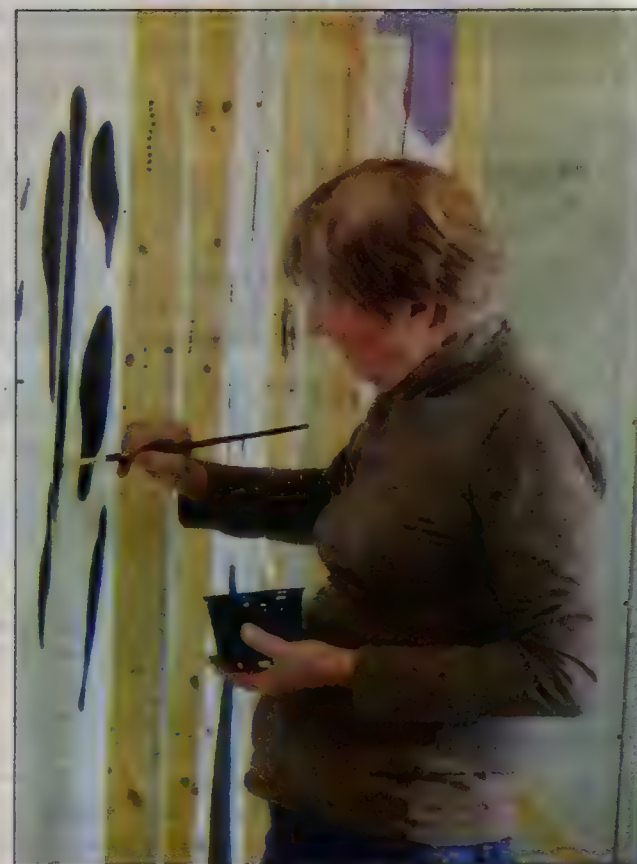
The joyful banners – painted with the theme of "My favourite ..." – will go up in May and flap in the warm Minden winds until October.



Sharon Luke uses a ladder to get up close to her colourful sunset banner, while Marg MacIntyre paints her masterpiece "Elsie's Choice."



There were 138 entries in all, of which 64 banners were chosen to decorate the streets of Minden this coming May. The theme this year is "My favourite..."



Marg MacIntyre's banner features a cow with a basket of cow eggs in her mouth.



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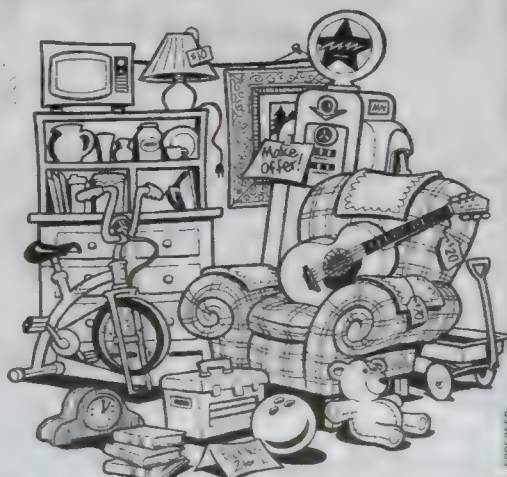
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County needs Tri-Vocals

The Northern Lights Pavilion was a busy place last week when Len and Kit Pizzey sponsored the Haliburton Highlands Music Festival. There were enough performances to keep the two adjudicators' pens writing from 10 in the morning till dusk for four days. The vocal performances, for instance, seemed to be growing in popularity, stretching over two days. One of the groups who performed was the popular Tri-Vocals – Ellie Malcolmson, Chris Archer and Jesse Pflug. This Saturday night there will be a highlights concert of the festival. It starts at 7 p.m. at the Northern Lights Pavilion. Proceeds from the evening will go towards the scholarship fund, which this year will be giving selected music students across the county money to help them pay for music and music lessons.

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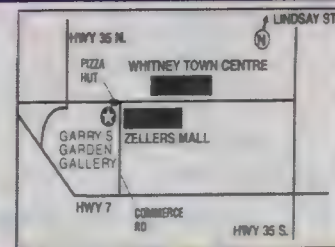
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This is a date you don't want to miss!

Popular songwriter, poet and storyteller Heather Whaley will be performing at R. D. Lawrence Place on Saturday, April 26. She was previously here in Carnarvon at the Pepper Mill Restaurant as part of the Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network for "A Writer's Christmas."

Heather has a strong stage presence. She brings words to life with props and guitar, performing both traditional and personal stories, songs and poems.

See why she has earned her reputation as "bluesy cool" when Heather performs her special blues tunes.

Heather is a great choice to celebrate the opening of the R.D. Lawrence building with her style of traditional music, ballads and blues delivered in a lively style.

R.D. Lawrence became known as a master storyteller, revealing his discoveries and adventures in the wild. Since this is National Poetry Month, the works of Haliburton poets will be displayed on many "poet-trees" in the new facility, alongside memorabilia of R.D. Lawrence.

So doesn't April 26 sound like a great event to attend? There will be a wine and cheese reception, followed by a musical evening. The door opens at 7 p.m. with the concert starting around 8 p.m. If you

are a member of HHWEN or the Cultural Centre admission is \$20 and \$25 for non-members.

Contact Pauline Johnson at 489-3878 or Sharon Lawrence at 286-6276 for more information or to purchase tickets for this event. Tickets will be on sale at The Storeroom in Minden or Kitchens Etc. in Haliburton. Check out the Minden Hills Cultural Centre website at www.mindenhillsculturalcentre.com.

This concert is being hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network which, interestingly enough, has taken a booth at Word on the Street in Toronto to promote the art of writing in the Highlands.

Last Saturday I spent the day at the Red Umbrella for their Big Spring indoor garage sale. It was well attended with many fun-loving people shopping for bargains. It was so well received they plan to make it a Sunday event for at least the next couple of weeks.

With my strong weakness for garage sales it was hard to behave. It can be quite a social event! It is also a fantastic method of recycling, a total win-win situation!

One of our seasonal neighbours whose family cottages on Kushog Lake has a request. They would like to ask if anyone is travelling to the Woodbridge area, could you possibly pick up their parents and bring them here to our neck of woods each week for the spring and summer months. Their trip home is taken care of; it is only the ride up (possibly on Wednesdays) that is needed.

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Improving accessibility for people with disabilities

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Member of parliament

Earlier this month, a call for proposals was issued for the federal government's new *Enabling Accessibility Fund*. The money will help cover the costs of construction and renovation needed to improve accessibility for people with disabilities.

In my travels across the riding, I've listened to numerous people with disabilities talk about the barriers that limit their daily activities, including inaccessible buildings, inadequate support or aids and a lack of awareness.

As a result, Canadian communities are not fully benefiting from the participation of people with disabilities. The objective of the *Enabling Accessibility Fund* is to support community-based projects across Canada that improve accessibility and enable Canadians, regardless of physical ability, to participate in and contribute to their community and the economy.

There are two components to this new program. The first is funding for major projects and the second is money for smaller initiatives.

Major projects include such things as the construction of a new participatory abilities centre or the expansion of an existing facility to create a participatory abilities centre within Canada. An organization may apply for a minimum of \$1 million and a maximum of \$15 million in funding.

Smaller eligible activities include renovations for buildings or modifications of existing vehicles within Canada that improve physical, and/or communication accessibility. All projects must be accessible to the public and organizations may apply for a maximum of \$50,000.

Some examples of eligible projects include:

- building an interior or exterior ramp;
- installing wider doors or installing automated door openers;
- lowering sinks or counters;
- improving lighting and increasing colour contrast;
- building an accessible

washroom;

- installing accessible door handles and light switches;

- modification or enhancement of media such as an assisted listening device;

- installing a computer that

is voice-interactive; and

- installing a wheelchair lift in a community-based vehicle.

Those interested in applying need to be non-governmental organizations, such as community-based

groups and non-profit organizations; public sector organizations such as small municipalities (with a population under 250,000) and small private-sector organizations with fewer than 50 employees and

under \$5 million in gross annual revenue.

Information about the application process for the *Enabling Accessibility Fund* can be found at www.hrsdc-rhdsc.gc.ca/disability

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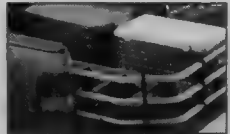
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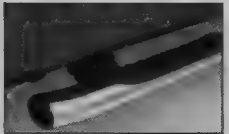
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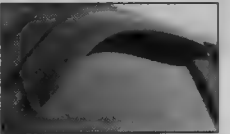
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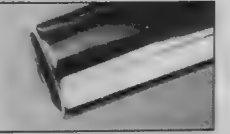
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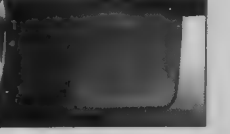
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Words and music in Dorset

On Friday night, the Dorset Recreation Centre hosted the annual Evening of Words, Music, Art & Wine. Several artists had their work on display before the performances. As people sipped on cranberry wine they were entertained by a series of writers and musicians including Albert Saxby, above, who played some of his quieter compositions. Sheryl Loucks, the co-ordinator of R.D. Lawrence Place, at left, read from one of Ron Lawrence's book to promote the Earth Day opening of the building that honours his memory and commitment to environmental sustainability.

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Freezing rain can't keep arts lovers away

DORSET NEWS

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The 5th Annual Evening of Words, Music, Art and Wine at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Friday, April 11 was very successful in spite of the dire freezing rain warnings announced on local radio stations all day.

Nine artists showed their work, including painter Naomi Brinkhof from Utterson, painter Vicki Dodds from Dwight, painter Janine Marson from Huntsville, stone carver Elise Muller from Dorset, painter and "congabilly" musician Albert John Saxby from Wilberforce, wood worker Kevin Vallieres from Dorset, potter Tara Gilchrist-Vallieres from Dorset, fibre artist and storyteller Fay Wilkinson from Eagle Lake and basket maker Sheila Ziman from West Guilford.

Zoe Chilco, who hails from Carnarvon, entertained with her love-themed jazz and blues originals and Albert Saxby encouraged audience participation with his fun and often whimsical singing and guitar work (also all original songs and music).

I bought CDs from both Zoe and Albert and have been enjoying them all weekend. Great stuff! Call the Recreation Centre at (705) 766-9968 if you would like to find out how to buy your own.

The audience also had the chance to listen to some wonderful original stories from Gravenhurst's Carl Bedal's memoirs, Moonstone's Joan Daulby's award-winning short story, Baysville's Lizann Flatt's children's story

and Baysville's Maurice Rose'meyer's biography. Fay Wilkinson read an amazing story and Sheryl Loucks, co-ordinator of the R. D. Lawrence Place, read a funny piece written by Ron Lawrence.

The wonderful evening also included Muskoka Lakes Winery with their cranberry- and fruit-themed wines. The amazing fruit, cheese and meat trays were generously donated by Robinson's General Store.

A big thank you to all the authors, artists, musicians, Muskoka Lakes Winery, Robinson's General Store, Jack Brezina for recording the event, and to Jim Jones for acting as emcee. Thanks also to the Dorset Recreation Committee for all their hard work setting up, selling tickets, attending the bar and cleaning up (plus Hugh and Pam!) afterwards.

The Dorset Recreation Centre still has summer employment opportunities for the Dorset Day Camp program. Day Camp runs for nine weeks in the summer, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and is a great job for students interested in working with children.

If you are interested in a Day Camp position, please forward your resume to the Recreation Centre by April 30. Resumes can be e-mailed to drc@algonquinhighlands.ca or mailed to Box 99, Dorset, POA 1E0 or faxed to (705) 766-9688. Only those being interviewed will be contacted.

The spring session of Tai Chi at the Dorset Recreation Centre has begun. Beginners are welcome. Tai Chi takes place on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For more information, contact the Recreation Centre at 766-9968.

Birthday wishes for the week of April 13 to 19 go out to Robbie Drebbitt, Catlin Perry, Marg Schwab, Todd Brooks, Jordie Schuetze and Misha Vitkin. Celebrate and have fun on your special day!



Carnarvon blues singer Zoe Chilco shared some of her romantic musings with the audience.

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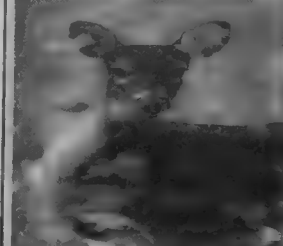
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To start, a brief update on the signs of spring here at the old farmhouse. The ducks have returned daily feeding in the cold pond waters but no sign of the geese joining them for meals there as yet. Robins run about and there is a mixed cleanup crew working hard on the area under the bird feeders. The ladybugs continue to appear, requiring two vacuum sessions as they move about to sunnier windows during the day. However, their numbers seem reduced.

The Kinmount Library system will be holding an Earth Day event this Saturday, April 19, starting at 10:30 a.m. There will be games and special events to celebrate the occasion. For more information give Mary Ann a call at 488-3199. Library hours are Tuesdays from 4 to 8 p.m., Thursdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please note that Saturday, April 19, will be a busy day at the library with the monthly book sale by the Friends of the Kinmount Library taking place in the lower level from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Speaking of books it is said that confession is good for the soul and, in earlier columns, I have freely confessed to being a knitaholic. Last week's mail brought a book from our cousin, an Easter weekend visitor, who lives in London, Ontario. *The Friday Night Knitting Club*, first novel by Kate Jacobs, is set in New York City at Walker and Daughter: Knitters, a second-storey shop selling high end yarns, hand knitted goods and custom orders. Once a week a group of women come together at the shop to work on their latest projects and share the stories of their lives. When the unthinkable happens they discover the friendships extend far beyond just a knitting club but to a sisterhood. Now if only my second obsession besides knitting, that of peeking at the last few pages mid-read to see which of the characters had survived the plot line, could be cured.

Now for the scoring news with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

April 8 euchre at Gelert: Lone hand holder was Kevin Maloney with Isabelle Saunders high for the ladies and Joyce Schellenberg low. Our reporter Harold Harvie was

tops for the gents and Rick McElwain low man while Hazel Bennett won the draw.

April 8 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Mixed Shuffleboard: Grace Barrack and George Hamilton led the scoring at 258 with Merv Elstone and Colleen Davison second at 244. Third place went to Morris Lambert teamed with our reporter Pearl Cowen at 239 while the afternoon's low of 154 was recorded by Alf Briscoe and Bev McWatters.

April 8 bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading the ladies at 336 was Elva Paisley then Maria Tschida 306 and Edith Burch 293 with Marcel Roussel first for the men at 317, Len Kroes second at 300 and Jesse Barlow third at 260. Draw winners were Pat Roussel, Sharon Evans, Mary Kennedy and Karen Chapman with moonshots going to Marcel Roussel, Tom Grix, Sharon Evans, Theresa Deak (3), Dwaine Lloyd and Jesse Barlow.

April 8 contract bridge at Stanhope: There were two Slams over the afternoon one by Helen Rice and Margo Davidson and the second by Harold Cox and Betty Dicker. Margo Davidson had the highest score of 6420 followed by our bridge reporter Ross Fletcher 5160, Helen Rice 5080 and Betty Dicker 4810. Rob Eaton won the lucky draw, Dorothy Strype the Shiny Penny and Margo rode off with the B.I.T.S. Award for being "Back In The Saddle".

April 9 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Using the Howell system Muriel McIntosh and Stella McMillan were first at 61 per cent then Reet Murray partnered with Ross Fletcher at 57 per cent and Margo and Tom Davidson a close third at 56 per cent.

April 9 bid euchre at Stanhope: Moonshots landed on Peter Farr, Bill Milford, Helen Windsor, Glen Smith, Yette Ezard, Betty Wagar, Tom Macartney and Helen Luffman. Leading the pinks was Sharron Atkinson at 332 then Mary Pearson 290 and Marion Farr 276 while Albert Foster was first for the whites at 348, Peter Farr next at 271 and in third spot Tom Grix tied with George Bye at 261.

April 10 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand honours went to Carol Derbyshire and Bev Johnson with Lois Adamson and Don Burch recording the high scores. The lows were tallied up by Kay Orr and our reporter May Bradbury with the other prizes going to Edith Burch, Carol Derbyshire and Maria Tschida along with Jim and May Bradbury.

April 11 euchre at Staunworth Court, Minden: Doreen Francis reports that Carol Derbyshire won for high hands;

Albert Foster for lone hands, Nick Boekestyn for low hands and Maria Tschida for the special prize.

April 11 bid euchre at Club 35: Moonshot quintet members were Norm Mark, Dorene Elstone, George Bye, Clara Miscio and our reporter Mary Pearson while Marion Farr held the hidden score. Colleen Davison topped the pinks at 284 followed by Dorene Elstone 264 and Mary Pearson 243. For the white cards it was Tom Marshall first at 254 then George Bye 240 second with Leroy Mowat and Norm Mark tied for third at 239.

April 11 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing the Howell system Kathie Porter and Judy Neimann were first at 68 per cent then Reet Murray and Ross Fletcher 61 per cent and Joan Galley partnered with Margo Davidson third at 60 per cent.

April 12 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Moonshots went to Isobel Cherwenka, Dorothy McElwain, June Branning, Phyllis Windsor [2] and our reporter Gala Stamp. Pink power was with Sharron Atkinson at 292 with Phyllis Windsor next at 283 and Elli Langpohl third at 267. Marcy Morgan led the whites at 309 then it was June Branning second at 307 and Pat Bailey 265 third.

April 14 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Elaine Yeo reports that Sherin Brown won for high hands, Don Jemmett for lone hands, Doreen French for low hands and Connie Sawyer for the special prize.

April 14 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand winners were Betty Sharpe and Ken Rowden while Gala Stamp and our reporter Tim Sharpe took high score honours. The afternoon's lows went to Gwen Cox and Lorna Hicks with Valerie Clark holding the hidden score. Mabel Deacon and Syd Adamson took home the special prizes with Wayne Jones getting a welcome back visit from the skunk.

April 14 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: Pauline Franzen reports that the top trio in order were Ida Young, Vic Ballik and Marjorie Paradis. Marjorie also took a single moonshot along with Marion Leslie who had two and Dorothy McElwain won the draw.

April 14 cribbage at Minden Legion: First place went to Verna McDonald with Joe Rivers second and Karen Chapman third. The other prize winners were Betty Jocham, Edith Burch, Sandy Bell and Helen Luffman. Thanks to Elva Paisley for this update.

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Join 4-H horse club

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In the spring of 2007, Mike and Sue Roberts started a new 4-H horse club in the Bobcaygeon area after discovering that there were no 4-H clubs servicing the area from Bobcaygeon to Haliburton. There is already the Fenelon Falls 4-H horse club and a draft horse club out of the Lindsay area but kids from Bobcaygeon and Haliburton would find it a long way to travel to attend meetings.

"We knew that there were a lot of kids in this area who would benefit from 4-H and would like to learn more about horses and learn how to enjoy their own horse more," Sue says.

The first year was very successful with 10 youth, including Dylan Graham of Gelert, joining the club and showing their horses at the achievement day at the Bobcaygeon Fair. Dylan was the first 4-Her from the Haliburton area to complete a club since approximately 1990.

The 4-H association hope to attract more participants from Haliburton County and spread the word about its horse club and other clubs that are available such as homemaking clubs, maple syrup production, field crops, swine, sheep, beef, dairy, goats, poultry, sprapbooking and square-dancing.

Volunteers from the northeast side of the City of Kawartha Lakes are also needed to lead clubs that would be of interest to the local youth. For example trapping, bush safety, boating, canoeing, dog sledding, and fishing might be of interest to youth of the northern areas.

"The possibilities are endless," Sue says. "If you have a skill and would like to pass on your knowledge to the youth of your community just make a proposal to 4-H Ontario and they will tell you how to get started."

The Bobcaygeon/Haliburton 4-H horse club meets monthly in the warmer season. Club members decided what topics they wanted to learn about, chose the meeting sites and arranged for guest speakers. They held executive offices and did community service at the Fenelon Steam Show, as well as fund raising.

Sue says, "4-H is an amazing opportunity for kids to build life skills, make new friends, learn about their animal (cow, sheep, horse etc), hold offices within their club and build a resume that will impress an employer. Their experiences in 4-H builds skills that

they need to go into the work force. Most employers in our community look at 4-H as a definite plus on a resume."

There are also many opportunities for kids to go to conferences all over Ontario, other provinces and even internationally. They could qualify for bursaries and scholarships. "Maybe this all sounds heavy," Sue says, "but the kids have a ball because we disguise it as fun! Maybe your child just wants to learn to have more fun with their pony or horse, and that's okay. That is what 4-H is all about - just learn and have fun doing it. The 4-H motto is 'Learn To Do By Doing.' The amount of fun the kids will have is up to them."

Membership is open to any young person between the age of 10 (as of January 1, 2008) and 21.

The Bobcaygeon/Haliburton 4-H Horse Club meets every third Thursday of the month.

The first meeting for 2008 is Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bobcaygeon Public School library, Balacava Street (around the corner from Kawartha Settlers' Village.)

The Roberts encourage parents stay for the first meeting as there will be some paperwork. This way parents will also know what is expected of the 4-Her and what events are planned for this year. Please bring your health card and your 4-H membership card if you already have one.

The cost of 4-H is \$65. This is due by the second meeting. For this one fee a child can join as many clubs as they can handle.

Call Sue or Mike Roberts at (705) 731-0222 for more information. The Haliburton County Horsemen's Association has a link on its website, www.hcha.ca/4Hbobcaygeon.htm. You can also visit the Kawartha Lakes Haliburton 4-H web site at www.kawartha4-H.ca

The club would like to thank the Bobcaygeon Fair Board and horse show committee for inviting the club to hold its Achievement Day on the Sunday afternoon of the fair and for the ribbons and gifts for each club member of our club. It would also like to thank the Haliburton County Horsemen's Association for its support.

"We hope to have a great second year and look forward meeting more new members," Sue says. "We realize that behind every 4-H kid there is a 4-H family."

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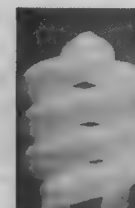
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- **Apr 18:** Fun Raiser - Hot Roast Beef on a Bun - Coleslaw and squares. Tea and coffee. \$5.00. Proceeds to Ladies Auxiliary Br. 129 Sports Fund.
- **Apr 19:** Minden OEYC Mega Machines Day - from 10-1pm Dads with preschool children bring you family to the centre for this special event. Check out the construction equipment and model trains on display, build a creation out of wood and enjoy a pizza lunch together. For more information please phone Minden OEYC at 286-1770.
- **Apr 21:** The Haliburton Highland Grannies will hold their spring meeting at 1:30pm at the Minden United Church (downstairs). We will be discussing our fundraising plans for this summer. All proceeds will be donated to the Stephen Lewis Foundation in support of African grandmothers and orphans. New members welcome. There will be a spare change collection. For more info call Mickey Bonham 286-2198
- **Apr 23:** Parent Talk Time Minden OEYC - Infant Massage. Come and discover the joys and benefits of infant massage. Claire Sylvan from Point in Time and Joanne Bohnec will be here to demonstrate and teach parents proper techniques and discuss the importance of caring touch. For more info call 286-1770.
- **Apr 23:** Osteoarthritis (OA) Class - 2 hour educational session on Osteoarthritis concentrating on the hips, knees, ankles, and feet. The class will be held from 10 - 12pm in the Haliburton Physiotherapy Dept. For more info and to register call 457-1392, ext 226. Space is limited.
- **Apr 24:** The University Women's Club of Haliburton Highlands invites its members to the annual process of discussion, debate, and amendment to provincial, and national CFUW resolutions at its monthly meeting. Starts at 2pm in Room 11 at Fleming College.
- **Apr 26:** Kinnmount Committee for Planning and Development - will be holding it's Annual Dinner/Auction at the Galway Hall. Tickets are \$25. Dinner starts at 7pm. Exciting prizes to be won include VIA Rail Passes, Tickets to the Stratford Festival, Agawa Canyon Trail Tour passes and much more! Contact Joyce Brown 488-2687 or Diane Austin 488-2635.
- **Apr 26:** Haliburton Highlands Land Trust - Annual General Meeting - at the Haliburton campus of Sir Sandford Fleming College. Learn more about the work the Land Trust is doing to preserve Haliburton County's Natural Heritage. Special Presentation by Paul Heaven. More information at info@haliburtonlandandtrust.ca or 754-2532.
- **Apr 26:** Heather Whaley in Concert, Poet, Songwriter, singer, story teller. Wine and cheese cash bar) at 7pm - Concert begins at 8pm, for more information please call Pauline Johnson at 705-489-3878 or Sharon Lawrence at 705-286-6276. Tickets available at The Storeroom in Minden, The Minden Hills Cultural Centre, and Kitchen's Etc. in Haliburton.
- **Apr 28:** Taoist Tai Chi Society ® new classes begin soon. Free introductory demonstrations and information sessions in Minden, Haliburton or Wilberforce between April 28 and May 13. Come along and try a few moves. Call Brenda at 447-2148 for dates and Times.
- **Apr 29:** Emergency First Aid and Level A CPR Course - Haliburton Curling Club, Haliburton - 8:30am - 4:30pm. For more information please call St. John's Ambulance, Kawartha Branch at 324-9894
- **Apr 29 & 30:** Standard First Aid and Level A CPR Course - Haliburton Curling Club, Haliburton - 8:30am - 4:30pm. Must attend both sessions. For more information please call St. John's Ambulance, Kawartha Branch at 324-9894

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- Good Food Box will run in April in Haliburton County. Please call your community contact to order your Good Food Box. For residents of Minden, please call Megan at the Health Unit 457-1391 ext 246 to your order.
- Haliburton Highlands Stroke Support Group meets the third Thursday of each month 10am -12 noon in the Fireside Lounge, Minden Hospital. This is for all stroke survivors and their caregivers. For info call Lois 286-1765
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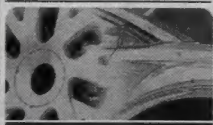
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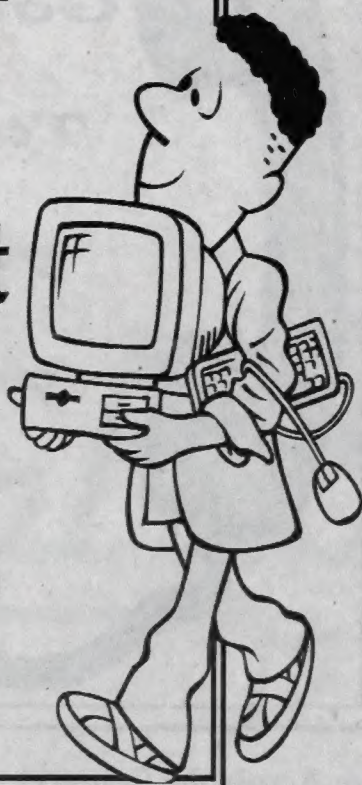
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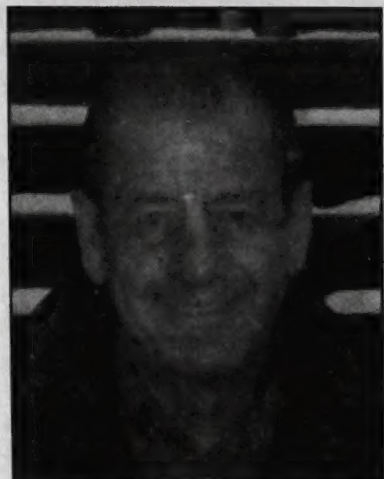
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Deaths

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\$249,900
DRAG RIVER - GELEET

This home boasts over 800' on the river w/good swimming & total privacy from neighbours. The home features open concept LR/DR/KT w/cathedral lung & grove pine ceiling & a w/o to dock overlooking the river...very scenic setting! Other features include c/a, 3 good size bdrms, full unfinished basement w/w/o & more. Call Vince Duchene

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\$144,900

This cute 2 bdrm home, right in the heart of Minden, has it all! Nice covered porch, great side deck, jacuzzi tub, pine cupboards & hrdwd floors in the kitchen & foyer. Main floor laundry & a great corner lot. Call Lenor Fulton

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Lovely 3 bdrm bungalow built in '06. Maintenance free vinyl siding & metal roof. Features include a high eff hydronic heat system fired by propane, heated oil'd garage, air tight wood stove & screened sunporch. This bright & sunny home is located on a nice 2 acre lot in the country setting and public access to Gull River just down the road. Call Denise LeBlanc

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Walk down the public boat launch and enjoy Moore Lake. Large lot. Easy access. Lovely neighbourhood. Bright and open Viceroy with 3 bdrms. 1.5 car garage & carport. Call Lynda Litwin to view.

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Cozy turn of the century school house, modernized to keep the school style! 12' ceiling in living room with propane fireplace, pine trimmings throughout, large master bdrm in left wing, oil'd heated double car garage! Private large level lot with 3 bay pole barn for storage, granite stone patio, operable period roof top school bell! Call Marj & John

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Year round home or cottage with 3 bedrooms, large main room with woodstove & walkout. Large kitchen with eating area & huge window for great lake views. Away from the highway noise. Large workshop & storage building is insulated & heated. Call Tom & Gail

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Spectacular sunset! Prime level S/W waterfront cottage! Gorgeous sand beach! Panoramic view! Winterized 3 bdrms, 1,570 sq. ft., year round access. Numerous upgrades. Plus, a 400 sq. ft. guest cabin & double detached garage. Bright, charming, immaculate, private! A must see! Call Elizabeth Thompson

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\$315,000
COLEMAN LAKE

Vicar style waterfront home - 1,600 sq. ft. of living space. Pine decor with some hrdwd flooring, open concept living, 2 airtight fireplaces, freshly decorated master bdrm, w/out family rm. FAO heating, southern exposure from this level lot and sand beach. Small quiet lake. Call Ted Vasey

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\$219,000
MINDEN VILLAGE

Refinances and new-home buyers will love this bungalow in town with a 1/2 acre ravine lot. 2+2 bdrms, 2 baths, recently upgraded main level featuring a hickory kitchen, ceramic & hardwood floors, living room fireplace, walk-out d.r. to deck, rec rm & oil'd garage. Call Melanie Vigrass

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\$489,500
MOUNTAIN LAKE

Just listed! This year round waterfront home/cottage features three bedrooms, open concept design with pine vaulted ceiling in the living room, large deck, full walkout basement, superb big lake view with 148 foot frontage. Call Bill Kulas

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\$498,500
MAPLE LAKE

Fantastic 3 lake chain! This immaculate 3 bdrm year round waterfront property offers: big lake view, level lot, full finished walkout basement, sunrm, fp, hrdwd flring, det. grg & shared ownership in 43 acres of parkland to roam & enjoy. Call Bill Kulas

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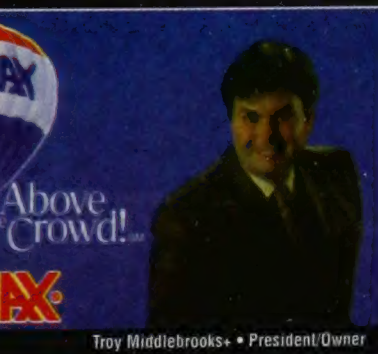
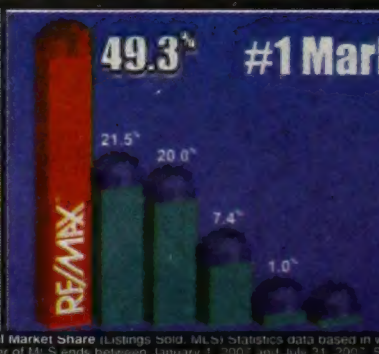
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